CLAIMS

- 1. A method for regulating food intake by administering a compound to a subject, wherein the compound affects the activity of AMPK.
- The method of claim 1, wherein the AMPK is hypothalmic AMPK.
- 5 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is not C75.
 - 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is C75.
 - 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound inhibits AMPK
 - 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound stimulates AMPK.
 - 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is a human.
- 10 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the subject is a mammal but is not a human.
 - 9. A method of altering food intake in a subject by administering a compound to the subject which changes the subject's neuronal energy balance.
 - 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the compound decreases the subject's neuronal energy balance.
- 15 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the compound increases the subject's neuronal energy balance.
 - 12. The method of claim 9, wherein the subject is a human.
 - 13. The method of claim 9, wherein the subject is a mammal but is not a human.

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14. The method of claim 9, wherein the compound is not C75.